

How To Properly Reference State Legislation

Most of the time, you will probably reference just the Indiana Code (IC) citation, for example IC 13-17-3-4, but sometimes you may want to indicate which enrolled act the provision came from and what year it was passed, especially for noncode provisions.

There are various ways you can properly reference an enrolled act:

- 1) You can use the Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) number or House Enrolled Act (HEA) number as long as you include the year it passed, for example:

SEA 259, passed in 2002

You must include the year it passed because the enrolled act numbers are reused every year for different pieces of legislation.

- 2) You can use the public law (P.L.) number that corresponds with the enrolled act number, for example:

P.L.166-2002

The public law number already indicates the year the legislation passed so you do not need to repeat it.

- 3) You can use a combination of the enrolled act number and the public law number, for example:

SEA 259 (P.L.166-2002)

** Remember: Once legislation becomes a law, it is no longer referred to as a "bill." It becomes an enrolled act.*

Table of Enrolled Act Numbers to Public Law Numbers for 2002

Enrolled Act #:	Public Law #:		Enrolled Act #:	Public Law #:
SEA 29	P.L.159-2002		SEA 381	P.L.26-2002
SEA 43	P.L.7-2002		SEA 399	P.L.170-2002
SEA 57	P.L.2-2002		SEA 407	P.L.144-2002
SEA 99	P.L.161-2002		SEA 461	P.L.172-2002
SEA 216	P.L.1-2002		HEA 1001	P.L.123-2002
SEA 230	P.L.19-2002		HEA 1171	P.L.99-2002
SEA 259	P.L.166-2002		HEA 1196	P.L.178-2002
SEA 283	P.L.74-2002		HEA 1306	P.L.183-2002
SEA 357	P.L.90-2002		HEA 1329	P.L.184-2002

** Note that resolutions do not have public law numbers.*